

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A rollable mulch carpet comprising:  
a base material made from a generally flexible and porous material, the base  
5 material having a lower ground engaging surface and an upper surface; and  
a mulch-like material having the general appearance of natural wood mulch, the  
mulch-like material being adhered to the upper surface of the base material and  
substantially covering the upper surface of the base material.
2. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 1 wherein the mulch-like material is made  
10 from one of either shredded tires or plastic.
3. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 2 wherein the mulch-like material is  
bonded to the base material.
4. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 3 wherein the mulch-like material is  
bonded to the base material using an adhesive which is generally waterproof.
- 15 5. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 3 wherein the mulch-like material and the  
base material are made substantially from the same rubber or plastic material.
6. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 2 wherein the mulch-like material is  
adhered and/or bonded to the upper surface of the base material by chemical or heat.
7. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 6 wherein the base material is made from  
20 one of either a generally porous plastic or a generally porous nylon material.
8. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 7 wherein the rollable mulch carpet is  
flexible enough to be stored, transported, or installed in a rolled up configuration.
9. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 8 wherein the mulch-like material is  
generally weather resistant.

10. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 9 wherein the rollable mulch carpet is manufactured in generally rectangular sections of about 3 feet in width and about 10 feet in length.

11. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 10 wherein the base material includes a plurality of rectangular openings of not greater than about 0.01 square inches.

12. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 11 wherein the base material and the mulch-like material are resistant to damage by insects.

13. The rollable mulch carpet of Claim 1 wherein the mulch-like material is adhered to the base material in a single layer that substantially covers the upper surface of the base material.

14. The rollable mulch carpet of claim 13 wherein the single layer of mulch-like material has a thickness of about 0.5 inch or less.

15. A process of manufacturing a rollable mulch carpet comprising the steps of:  
providing a base material that is generally flexible and substantially porous and having an upper surface;

providing a mulch-like material from a weather resistant material that is one of either shredded rubber tires or plastic; and

adhering the mulch-like material to the upper surface of the base material in a single layer.

16. The process of Claim 15 further comprising the step of manufacturing the rollable mulch carpet in generally rectangular sections.

17. The process of Claim 16 further comprising the step of manufacturing the rollable carpet mulch in a generally rectangular section having a width of about 3 feet and a length of about 10 feet.

18. The process of Claim 15 wherein the mulch-like material is adhered to the  
5 base material by at least one of either adhering, mechanically bonding, or physically bonding the mulch-like material to the base material.

19. The process of Claim 15 wherein the rollable mulch carpet has a thickness of about 0.5 inch or less.